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## Thailand

### Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

### Additional Criteria for Foods Containing Melamine and Its Analogs

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**Report Highlights:**

On November 11, the Thai Food and Drug Administration under the Ministry of Public Health notified the WTO (G/SPS/N/THA/172/Add.1) regarding setting the maximum level of melamine and its analogs in foods other than milk and milk-containing products.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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On November 11, the Thai Food and Drug Administration under the Ministry of Public Health notified the WTO (G/SPS/N/THA/172/Add.1) to inform of the addition of item 1.3 under clause 1 of the Thai FDA Notification entitled "Prescription of Conditions of Foods Containing Melamine and Melamine Analogs" dated 13<sup>th</sup> October B.E. 2551 (2008), notified as G/SPS/N/THA/172. The additional item is as follows:

"(1.3) Less than 2.5 mg/kg (ppm) for foods other than in (1.1) and (1.2)"

This Notification shall be enforced from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Due to reports of many countries finding melamine and its analogs in foods other than milk and milk containing products such as eggs, in order to safeguard the possibility of other foods contaminated with melamine and its analogs to be produced, imported, and sold in Thailand, the Thai FDA has prescribed the maximum level of melamine and its analogs to be found in foods other than milk and milk containing products to be 2.5 ppm. The Thai FDA will be randomly sampling products falling under item (1.3) including products from China to be tested for melamine and its analogs. Post assesses no negative impact of this Thai FDA notification on U.S. food and beverage exports to Thailand as the amendment aims to expand the ranges of products required to be monitored. No additional exporting documents are required or additional inspection is imposed on the import of U.S. food and beverage products to Thailand.

**Notification of Food and Drug Administration**  
**RE: Prescription of Conditions of Foods Containing Melamine and Melamine Analogs**  
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Whereas it is deemed appropriate to prescribe additional conditions for foods containing melamine and melamine analogs.

By the virtue of provision clause 1 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.311) B.E. 2551 (2008) RE: Prescribed Prohibited Foods to be Produced, Imported or Sold dated 8 October B.E.2551 (2008) which issued by the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6(8) of the Food Act B.E.2522. The Food and Drug Administration according to an approval of the Food Committee in the Meeting 8/2551 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October B.E. 2551 (2008) prescribed additional condition as follows:

Clause 1. Addition of the following sentence to be (1.3) of Clause 1 of Notification of Food and Drug Administration RE: Prescription of Conditions of Foods Containing Melamine and Melamine Analogs dated 13<sup>th</sup> October B.E. 2551 (2008) as follows:

"(1.3) Less than 2.5 mg/kg(ppm) for foods other than in (1.1) and (1.2)"

Clause 2. This notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.

Notified on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008

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